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Air Force To Promote 51,106 On February 1

The Air Force will promote a total of 51,106 airmen to grades E-3 through E-5 in the second fiscal year 1966 promotion cycle.

The February promotion quotas just issued by the Air Force authorizes 5,688 promotions to staff sergeant, 18,470 to airman first class and 26,948 to airman second class.

According to personnel officials here, a local promotion board will be held to promote personnel to airman second class while airman first class and staff sergeants will be upgraded by a board at 2nd Air Division. Two field grade officers and one senior non-commissioned officer (Continued on Page 8)

F-5's Leave Here For New Location

Several F-5A Freedom Fighters, pilots and support personnel of the 4503rd Tactical Fighter Squadron left Bien Hoa last week for a forward operating base. The "Skoashi Tigers" will continue flying combat missions against the Viet Cong.

Leader of the first flight to get airborne was Maj. Aubrey C. (Continued on Page 5)

Air Police Sq. To Form Drill Team

The 3rd Air Police Squadron is organizing an honor guard and a drill team for participation in ceremonies on Bien Hoa AB. There are also some expectations of representing the USAF in functions at other locations in the Republic of Vietnam, where such a ceremonial unit would enhance the image of our country.

Interested personnel, in grades A3C through A1C, are welcome to compete for a position with these select units. Acceptance will be based on appearance. (Continued on Page 8)

Base Paper To Be Reduced Next Week

Due to new policies implemented this week by 2nd Air Division, this will be the final edition of a multi-page, illustrated Bien Hoa Bugle. The Bugle was started in September 1964 and has been published each week since that time for Air Force personnel stationed here.

The new directive stops the publication of all base newspapers in Vietnam. Taking their places will be the 2nd Air Division Advisor newspaper. The Advisor has been expanded to 12 pages and will be distributed to all bases in Vietnam.

The 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing Information Office will begin publishing an abbreviated Bugle, a one page sheet printed on both sides, on Tuesdays and Fridays. It will cover only local news. The first copy will be distributed on base next Tuesday.

Personnel having news items are urged to contact the base Information Office at extensions 7366 or 7166.

Units Here Fly First 1966 Missions

When Maj. Richard A. Jones and Capt. James P. Gunter Jr. lifted their A-1E Skyraiders off the runway here at 1:45 a.m. Jan. 1, they took with them the honor of flying the first combat strike mission of 1966.

The two pilots were on alert duty New

Year's Eve and morning when they received the call to scramble. The first mission resulted in 15 Viet Cong structures destroyed.

Major Jones and Captain Gunter are both members of the 1st Air Commando Squadron.

The mission was Captain Gunter's 25th in

the Republic of Vietnam, for which he will receive his first Air Medal.

The first jet mission of the new year to drop ordnance on enemy positions was also flown by a unit stationed here, the 510th Tactical Fighter Squadron. (Continued on Page 8)

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Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (Capt.) Richard S. McPhee

"WITHOUT WAX"

Had my picture taken a short time ago with one of those 10 second cameras. Wish now I hadn't seen the finished photo. I rather looked like a bird of prey with indigestion.

They didn't have cameras in ancient Rome. If you wanted a likeness made you contacted a sculptor and he chiseled away. You had to watch them though, as some would fill in chips and cracks with wax. When it got hot the wax melted and the poor workmanship was obvious. Conscientious sculptors would guarantee their work was "sincere", literally, "without wax."

Our word "sincere" is derived from this background. God needs men today who are sincere. No foolishness nor cheap imitations will do. Men--sincere men, to fulfill God's work on earth. How about you? Are you sincere or full of wax?

EDITORIAL

(Editor's Note: Statements used in this editorial are taken from a speech delivered by Deputy Secretary of Defense, Cyrus R. Vance, before the Veterans of Foreign Wars in August 1965.)

WHY WE ARE IN VIETNAM

The Republic of Vietnam is as far from home as an American can get without leaving the Earth. Why, then, should we be there?

Why should Americans concern themselves with a small country, 10,000 miles from our shores?

Americans are in Vietnam because what is happening there will vitally affect the welfare of every one of us here at home. The outcome in Vietnam may determine the future, not only of Americans, but of free men everywhere.

Americans are in Vietnam because we have learned the bitter lesson of two World Wars--two terrible tragedies which taught us, once and for all, what happens when aggression is allowed to succeed.

We have learned that an aggressor's appetite only grows bigger with success. And we have seen the consequences of trying to appease such appetites by retreat. We know what lies behind the fighting in Southeast Asia, and we know what is at stake there. The issue today is exactly what it was 11 years ago, when President Eisenhower honored South Vietnam's first call for help.

Today in Vietnam we are being tested by strong and tenacious adversaries. We face an assault by an enemy organized in detail--trained in depth--skilled in a strange kind of warfare we Americans have only begun to understand.

We face an assault by adversaries able to infiltrate thousands of men across boundaries--to regroup those men into disciplined units--to attack weak points and then fade away in face of equal or superior strength. We face an assault by men who use terror and assassination against civilians as normal weapons.

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Chaplain Applauds Personnel For Support During Cardinal's Visit

(Editor's Note: Col. Robert A. Ackerly, commander of the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing received the following letter this week thanking him and all military personnel stationed here for their excellent hospitality during the recent visit of Cardinal Spellmann.

"Dear Colonel Ackerly:

"Just a note of personal thanks for your many courtesies and kindnesses during Cardinal Spellman's visit to Bien Hoa Air Base on 24 December. I personally believe your's was the best managed program of the cardinal's whole trip, though everyone did a fine job everywhere.

"You, your chaplain and members of your command showed a personal interest in the cardinal's personal welfare as well as interest in making his visit a success. Because I am a Catholic chaplain and was one of the Cardinal's escort officers, I felt I must sent you a personal note of appreciation for all of your warmhearted courtesy and excellent hospitality. I think the Cardinal's visit gave a special meaning to this Christmas for all of us.

"Wishing you and yours all Blessings in the New Year I remain,

"Sincerely yours,

"Phillip B. Remark
Chaplain (LtCol) USA"

The United States Armed Forces Institute has announced that a course in college geography is now available. The course, College Geography I (A 521), has as its goal an understanding of the nature of the earth's surface as a habitat of man.

STAY ALERT—STAY ALIVE

January Weather Forecast

By 1st Lt. Harold Bernard
Det. 3, 30th Weather Squadron

After Bien Hoa's coolest month—December—temperatures will climb each week until they reach their peak in April, just before the southwest monsoon sweeps over the area.

The relatively cool and dry northeast monsoon is now blowing across South Vietnam. At Bien Hoa, we can expect very few rainy days during January, and only a remote possibility of heavy thunderstorms. Afternoon temperatures will approach the 90's, falling to 70 degrees in the early morning hours. The coolest reading observed at Bien Hoa during January was 57 degrees.

The humidity during the hottest hours will generally be near 55 per cent with a northeast breeze of less than ten miles-an-hour under partly cloudy skies.



COOLING IT — Victoria Lockwood plays it cool without cooling off. Lovely Victoria is having her winter fun on a Hollywood snow-scene set.

ALA. RESIDENTS MEET HERE, FLY A-1E MISSION TOGETHER

Two Huntsville, Ala., residents bumped into each other here recently and joined to fly an A-1E Skyraider combat mission together. Maj. John C. Carson, a Skyraider pilot with 602nd Fighter Squadron and TSgt.

Information Office Now in Wing Hq.

The 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing Information Office recently moved into offices in the wing headquarters building. Telephone numbers for the section are 7166 or 7366. Personnel with news tips are requested to contact the IO office so that our mission can be told to the folks back home.

Gordon H. Penney Jr., non-commissioned officer in charge of the wing intelligence section were stationed here for several months before they realized they were natives of the same city.

To celebrate their reunion, Major Carson invited Sergeant Penney along on a combat mission, the sergeant's first.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

The following is a schedule of religious services for Bien Hoa AB.

PROTESTANT

SATURDAY - Religious movie, 6:30 p.m. in base theater. SUNDAY - Sunday School, 8:30 a.m. in EM Barber Shop; Choir Rehearsal, 9:15 a.m. in Base Headquarters Building; Worship, 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. in theater. WEDNESDAY - Bible Study 7 p.m. in Officers Barber Shop. MONTHLY - PMOC, 7 p.m. last Monday of month - Officers Barber Shop.

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY - Mass, 9 a.m. and 12-noon in the base theater and 5 p.m. in VNAF Chapel. DAILY: Mass at 5 p.m. in VNAF Chapel. THURSDAY: Catholic Biblical Seminar, 7:30 p.m. in Hut 137. TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: Discussion and Inquiry Classes, 7:30 p.m. in Hut 137.

LATTER DAY SAINTS

SUNDAY - Priesthood meeting at 8 a.m. Sunday School at 9 a.m. All meetings are held in the LDS Chapel located next to the James E. Bailey Compound. For further information contact TSgt. Mahony at extension 7366.

JEWISH

SAIGON: May contact Chaplain's Office for schedule, telephone 7211.

Why We Are In Vietnam

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We face something else as well: The fact that the totalitarians feel that time is on their side — and their belief that we will inevitably tire and withdraw.

Above all, this is a war of mind and spirit. And it is a war which can be won no matter what present circumstances are.

There is no backing out of Vietnam, for it will follow us everywhere we go. We have drawn the line, and the America we all know and love best is not one to back away. (PACAFNS)

Movies

TODAY - GOLDFINGER

SUNDAY - CHEYENNE AUTUMN

MONDAY - FOUR FOR TEXAS

TUESDAY - HOW TO STUFF A WILD BIKINI

Wide Variety of Activities Open To All Base Personnel

Air Force pilots and crew members at this Vietnamese tactical fighter base have got it made. After a long day (or night) at work in tropic heat and humidity, they can relax in the cooling refreshing waters of a genuine stateside quality swimming pool.

The pool, complete with high and low diving boards, was built in September 1964 by the base Civil Engineers.

"We're real lucky, compared to most bases in Vietnam," said 1st Lt. William B. Dunn personnel services officer.

Even though most men here work a six, and often a seven-day work week, they still find time to take advantage of some of the recreational facilities offered by the personnel services office. There are handball courts, a well-stocked library, photo-hobby shop, combination basketball-volleyball-tennis court, and a 288-seat theater.

In addition to individual workouts, there is also a supervised weight-lifting program set up. There is also an intramural basketball league currently in action. One of the latest sports offered to men at Bien Hoa is judo. Taught by a Vietnamese instructor, who holds a black belt, both American and Vietnamese students receive excellent training.

Another personnel services function is education. TSgt. Royal W. Riggins, base education supervisor, said "Every man on base has a golden opportunity to further his education here." Offered are booklets on ECI and USAFI courses, if you're looking for a correspondence course, and also two University of Maryland resident courses.

Oldest AF Unit

3rd TFW

Has Illustrious 46-Year Record

The 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing—the oldest USAF wing remaining on active duty—is once again in combat, this time in Vietnam.

Flying F-100 Supersabres and A-1E Skyraiders in daily strikes from this base, the 3rd is adding another chapter to its proud history that spans 46 years of aviation progress.

Commanded by Col. Robert A. Ackerly, the wing is now composed of the 308th, 416th, 510th, 531st, and 602nd Tactical Fighter Squadrons.

On July 1, 1919, the present 3rd TFW was organized and designated the Army Surveillance Group at Kelly Field, Tex. The flying squadrons making up the group had impressive combat records from World War I.

In the 20's and 30's the Group's missions included patrolling the troubled U.S. - Mexican border from Texas to Arizona where a threat of infiltration existed from Mexican revolutionists. The cactus on the wing crest commemorates this action.

The group's planes advanced from the primitive World War I DeHavilland DH-4B's through the Douglas A-20's, a true "light" bomber, by 1940.

The 3rd was also the parent unit of some of the "greats" in American flying history. In 1922, one young 3rd Group pilot flying a modified DH-4, made a one-stop flight from Pablo Beach, Fla., to San Diego, Calif., in an elapsed time of

22 hours and 30 minutes.

With this flight, Lt. James Doolittle became the first man to fly from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast in less than one day.

In January 1942, the 3rd Bomb Group, as it was known then, departed its home station at Savannah, Ga., for service in the Southwest Pacific.

In the spring of 1942, a small force of B-25's from the Group's 90th Squadron flew direct air support for Allied ground forces making a last-ditch stand in the Philippines.

The B-25's finally flew back to Darwin when the fall of the Philippines became imminent. For their operations in slowing down the overwhelming Japanese might in its plunge towards Australia, the 90th Squadron was awarded a well-earned Distinguished Unit Citation.

Prior to the attack on the enemy ships in the Bismarck Sea March 1-2, 1943, the 90th Squadron's commander, Maj. Ed Larner, had been developing a new method to attack enemy shipping: skip-

bombing.

When this battle was over, the 3rd Bomb Group had sunk or damaged 11 of the enemy's Imperial Navy.

During the remaining years of the 1940's, everything went quietly for the 3rd Bomb Group in occupied Japan.

The 3rd's first Korean action took place on June 27, 1950, just two days after Communist forces crossed the 38th parallel. From its base at Iwakuni, Japan, and later from Korea, the group flew night and day low level, interdiction missions which nearly snuffed out the communists supply lines. One-third of all enemy equipment damaged was credited to the wing.

On November 20, 1965, the wing was for the 3rd time officially transferred to Southeast Asia, coming to Bien Hoa Air Base.

.....F-5s DEPART.....

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Edinburgh. Periodic inspection and major maintenance will continue to be accomplished here at Bien Hoa AB as the aircraft being flown return for these purposes.

The F-5 unit, commanded by Col. Frank N. Emory, arrived here Oct. 23. Part of an Air Force program to evaluate and test the combat capabilities of the F-5, the sleek, toy-size tigers became a respected trademark of Bien Hoa. Two of the jets made their combat debut five hours after arrival, hitting targets in war zone "D".

Hope Wires Regards To Wing Commander

Col. Robert A. Ackerly, commander of the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing received the following message this week for all men at Bien Hoa.

"We're back home and thinking of all of you and hoping 1966 brings you great success and health.

"Regards, Bob Hope."

About Vietnam

Two Cities Offer Coastal Scenes

(The following article was written before the war.)

****Da Nang (Tourane)****

Da Nang, formerly called Tourane, is a coastal town south of Hue, separated from Hue by a finger of the mountains that juts into the sea. The road between the two cities crosses a narrow pass where traffic flows only one way at a time. If you forget to time your trip with control of this traffic, you may find yourself caught in an hour or more delay.

The nearby beaches, across the Da Nang River, are wonderful recreation spots. China Beach has continuous surf; Spanish Beach is smaller and has no surf. The Cercle Sportif, a local private club at Da Nang, has three tennis courts for its members. Boats may be rented from their Vietnamese owners for river or ocean fishing. Sea bass, mackerel, and tuna are among the salt water catches, while trout, perch, and pike are found in the river. Further inland lie the hunting areas where you may try for wild pig, deer, tiger and rabbits.

****Nha Trang****

On down the coast lies Nha Trang, a resort popular with the Vietnamese. It is only about 280 miles north of Saigon with good train or air connections, or about

Only one battleship was ever commissioned that did not bear the name of a state. This was the USS Kearsarge commissioned in the early 1900s.

a 9-hour drive by automobile. Here you can enjoy all sorts of water sports — swimming skin-diving — water-skiing, or make a trip to one of the offshore islands in the bay. You also can visit the aquarium and the Institute of Oceanography at Cau-Da, or see the old Cham tower, Thao Ba, now used as a Buddhist temple.

SPOTLIGHT

This week the Bugle Spotlight falls on A2C George Miller, an Air Policeman, assigned to the 3rd Air Police Squadron (K-9) where he performs duties as a sentry dog handler.

Airman Miller arrived at Bien Hoa in October after having spent over two years at Kincheloe AFB, Mich. He was a security guard for his first year at that Base. However, having a desire for activity, he volunteered for the canine (K-9) section of the AP squadron. He was sent on temporary duty to Lackland AFB, Tex., for purposes of acquiring a dog and attending the formal Sentry Dog School there. He was assigned Duke, 125X, his canine partner, who still remains with him, while at the school.

The 23-year-old native of Racine, Wis., is married to the former Miss Carol Gremer also of Racine, where she and their one daughter now reside.

His educational backgro-

Santa Claus Visits Air Police Here

When Santa Claus materialized out of nowhere Christmas Eve, alert Air Police guards didn't know whether to shoot or smile.

Luckily, no one took defensive action as Capt. Edward Widum, OIC-Law Enforcement, 3rd Air Police Squadron, dressed up as Santa Claus, visited each AP post Christmas Eve, carrying bags of candy, fruit, peanuts and popcorn.

The captain, alias Santa Claus, rode in the back of an armed jeep as he traversed the dark perimeter road. An occasional, nervous, "Ho, ho, ho!" could be heard from the robust gentleman, who actually did not require much extra stuffing to imitate the jolly old man.

"A few people were surprised as I passed them on the dark road," said the counterfeited Santa. "In fact, one guy took a look at me and proceeded to run off the road."

EXPLOSIVES MUST BE USED WISELY

"The PURPOSE of explosives is to kill, maim and destroy. But the devices themselves exercise no discretion in the victims. Discretion can be exercised only by knowledgeable men."

und consists of high school in Racine, and approximately two years of formal college; six ECI courses, AP Tech School and Sentry Dog Handler School while in the U. S. Air Force.

..PLAN NOW—BUILD BUNKERS..

Hq. Sq. Misses Championship Loses to Air Police 42-38

The Air Police Squadron foiled Headquarters Squadron Section's hopes of clinching the championship in the first half of the base intramural basketball league by coming from behind to defeat the headquarters team Wednesday night by a score of 42-38.

The APs had led 23-22 at half-time, but a hot streak by the headquarters team following the half, in which they scored 13 straight points while holding the APs scoreless, left the APs in the hole 35-23.

With only two minutes left in the game, headquarters commanded a seven point margin. At this point, the APs began to click behind the deadly outcourt shooting Buford McClain and the defensive rebounding of Morris Smith. McClain dumped in eight points for the winners in the last two minutes of play to pull the game out of the fire.

Smith led the winners with 12 points while Calvin Campbell and Ed Payton each hit 12 for the losers.

In Monday night's action, Headquarters rolled over Materiel Squadron 31-26. High point honors for the night went to William Bennett of the winners with 10 points. Tony Simmons popped in nine points for Materiel.

Headquarters squadron gets another crack at the championship Monday night when they meet the APs again in a make-up game that was cancelled last week.

Next week's schedule, all make-up games, is as follows:

Mon. - Air Police vs Hq Squadron

VNAF Pilots Score Heavy Against VC

VNAF pilots assigned to the Vietnamese Air Force's 23rd Wing here have been finding some very good targets despite the temporary lull in fighting recently.

Two flights, led by Lieutenants P. D. Anh and N. G. Vinh, accounted for 100 Viet Cong dead according to an ARVN commander who inspected the area shortly after the air strikes.

During a recent four day period, wing pilots destroyed 120 VC structures, damaged 79, and killed 120 VC by air during 116 sorties.

The 23rd Wing has two combat flying units assigned to it; the 514th and 518th Fighter Squadrons. Both squadrons fly the A-1H Skyraider.

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MISS AMERICAN TEEN-AGER — Miss Lynnell Raye Bass happily wears the crown of Miss American Teen-Ager for 1966 which she won at Palisades Amusement Park, N.J. Miss Bass is from Virginia Beach, Va.

MaJ. Barnes Logs 1,000th Sortie For 510th TFS

When Maj. James C. Barnes landed his F-100 Supersabre last Sunday at 8:10 a.m., he had just completed the 1,000th combat sortie flown by the 510th Tactical Fighter Squadron since its arrival here in mid-November.

The flight left Bien Hoa at 7:15 a.m. and less than 20 minutes later was attacking Viet Cong positions in support of Operation Dart Board.

Other pilots on the mission were Capt. Bernard M. Conway, flight leader, and Lt. Col. Allen S. Nelson, commander of the 510th TFS.

Wed. - Air Police vs Materiel.
Fri. - Air Police vs 1877th Comm. Sq.

STANDINGS

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Hq. Squadron	7	4
Air Police	5	4
Materiel Sq.	5	5
1877th Comm. Sq.	3	7

AF to Promote 5,106 Feb. 1

..Continued from Page 1)... from here have been appointed to the air division board, which will meet in early January.

These figures are lower than the number of promotions allowed in the last cycle but places the total FY '66 promotions thus far well ahead of last year's total allocations. The promotions in these grades for all three FY '65 cycles amounted to 113,870 as compared to 122,106 for the October and February cycles in FY '66.

The increase in manning authorization to support op-

Variable Reenlistment Bonus Now in Effect

The Air Force began paying the new variable reenlistment bonus authorized in the 1965 Military Pay Act Jan. 1.

Details on determining who is eligible to receive the added bonus plus quotas for fiscal years 1966 and 1967 have been dispatched to the field.

Commands were told to reenlist eligible airmen after Dec. 31, 1965, and pay them the variable reenlistment bonus provided a quota existed in their skill.

The 1965 military pay bill, passed Congress in August, provided that enlisted personnel holding a critical military skill and who are entitled to a reenlistment bonus upon first reenlistment may be paid an additional amount of not more than four times the amount of that bonus. (AFNS)

DRIVE CAREFULLY

erations in Southeast Asia was cited as the main reason for the brighter promotion picture in FY '66.

As in the previous cycle, percentage limitation applied to some career fields is derived from actual grade shortages and shows the ceiling on the number of airmen assigned to the next lower grade who may be promoted.

The Air Force has set a flat percentage of a command quotas which may be used to promote EWQ (exceptionally well qualified) airmen from subdivisions so designated. The limit is 5 per cent to staff sergeant and 2 per cent to airmen first class.

HONOR GUARD TO BE FORMED

...(Continued from Page 1)... military bearing, attitude and competence. Competition is expected to be keen.

Interviews and tryouts will be conducted by TSgt. Philip H. Moon and SSgt. Claude T. Mason in the area between the Dispensary and Wing Headquarters building from 1-3 p.m., Jan. 9, for interested personnel.

First 1966 Missions Flown From Here

...(Continued from Page 1)... The three ship flight of F-100 Supersabres started their attack at 7:15 a.m. and destroyed six structures and damaged 12.

Pilots on the flight were Capt. Paul E. Wagner, flight leader, Capt. Bernard M. Conway and Capt. James A. Cullen.

Airman Magazine To Feature Bien Hoa AB

The first issue of The Airman Magazine in 1966 will feature an article entitled, "The Prop Pushers of Bien Hoa," written by staff writer Harold "Hap" Harris.

Mr. Harris visited this base recently to gather material. His article on Bien Hoa is the first of several articles he will do for the magazine covering his trip to Vietnam.

Other articles in the January issue cover what Air Force meteorologists are doing about the weather and the activities of the Air Force Accounting and Finance Center in Denver, Colo.

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